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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 1~~ claim 14 wherein the absorbent chassis comprises:

- a) an outer cover;
- b) a bodyside liner which is connected to the outer cover in a superposed relation; and
- c) an absorbent core disposed between the outer cover and the bodyside liner.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 1~~ claim 14 wherein the fasteners are hook and loop type fasteners.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 1~~ claim 14 and further comprising at least one attachment panel which is located on an exterior surface of the absorbent chassis wherein the fasteners are refastenably engaged to the attachment panel.

Claims 6 - 13 (canceled)

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Claim 14 (previously presented): A pant-like, refastenable, disposable absorbent article which defines a front waist region, a back waist region, a crotch region which extends between and connects the waist regions, a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction, the absorbent article comprising:

- a) an absorbent chassis that includes a pair of laterally opposed side edges and a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges;
- b) a pair of opposed back panels which are permanently attached to the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the back waist region of the absorbent article;
- c) a pair of opposed front panels which are releasably attached to the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region of the absorbent article to provide a pair of releasable joints wherein the front panel and the back panel on each side edge of the absorbent chassis are connected together along a side seam; and
- d) a fastener permanently attached to each of the front panels configured to engage an exterior surface of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region, wherein each releasable joint is provided by the fastener and one or more releasable bonds, wherein the one or more releasable bonds becomes destroyed upon first disengagement and the releasable joint can be broken without tearing the side panels.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 14 wherein the absorbent chassis includes an outer cover which provides the exterior surface of the absorbent chassis and wherein the fasteners are configured to refastenably engage directly with the outer cover of the absorbent chassis.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 14 wherein the pair of opposed back panels and the pair of opposed front panels are stretchable in at least the lateral direction.

Claims 17-18 (canceled)

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Claim 19 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 14 and further defining an article centerline in the longitudinal direction wherein each of the fasteners includes a fastener ear that is attached the front panel and extends inwardly toward the article centerline.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 19 wherein each of the fastener ears are stretchable in at least the lateral direction.

Claims 21 - 31 (canceled)